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MAT changes system, offers more options for students

JESSICA RIAL

Staff writer

Alan Holloway, an undergraduate student, used to spend 20 minutes riding in his vehicle from his northeast Omaha home near Dodge Park to UNO's campus.

But now that his vehicle has broken down, he spends about an hour commuting to school and back on the Metro Area Transit bus. Holloway has to make two transfers and ride in three different buses on his way to school. A one-way trip costs him \$1.25, plus 5 cents for each transfer.

Changes to MAT's system may help cut back on time. The bus will begin to run on a new hub and spoke system this summer. This is a change from its current system that has 37 different schedules running seven days a week.

Linda Barritt, marketing direct at MAT, wants more students to consider riding the bus as an option when traveling. She is optimistic that new changes will make commuting easier and more flexible at a minimal cost for students. MAT's overall goal is to provide a service more competitive with private vehicle travel, said Barritt. Under the new system there will be nine hubs, or transit centers, throughout town. There will be buses exclusively servicing these specific areas and buses that travel directly from hub to hub with limited stops.

Once informed about the new system Holloway said, "It sounds more complicated, but they need to try something different. Some routes just get really complicated."

Not all students experience the same things while commuting on the bus. For Holloway the decision to ride or not is a matter of time. Traveling on the bus from school and back takes up nearly two extra hours of his day.

But for UNO student Ben Ream, who commutes daily from his Millard home to campus and then to his downtown job on the bus, it is a matter of parking. Ream said it is hard to find

parking downtown and at UNO. Riding the bus helps. He said, "It's fine for what I need."

Barritt pointed to problems with limited parking on campus as one of the main reasons students should consider the bus as an option.

According to MAT's "How to Ride" brochure, for riders like Ream taking the bus is a stress-free commute that provides riders with time to catch up on work or relax. To save time, Ream uses the express route bus, which will still be available under the new hub and spoke system.

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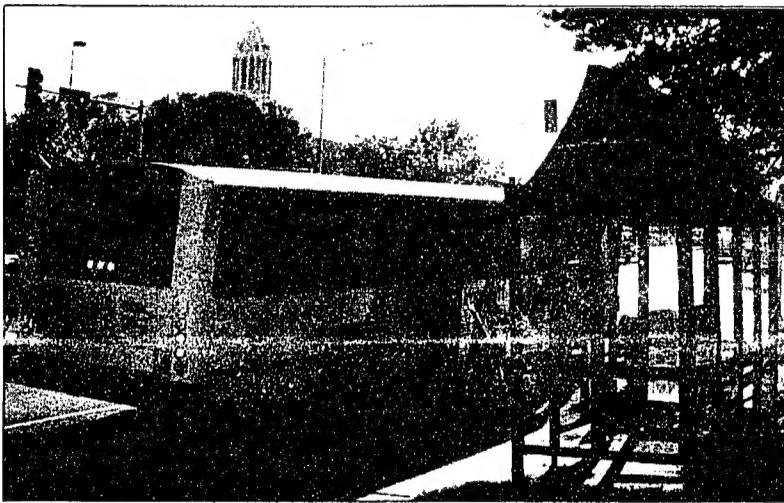


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Changes to the MAT bus system may help students cut back on the time it takes to commute to UNO.

UNO project educates, surfaces diversity issues



photo by Chris Machian

Patrick McNamara speaks during the "Youth Dialogue on Diversity" on Sunday in the Student Center.

JOSE LOZA

Editor-in-chief

Andrew Landon, 17, sat patiently and listened to a group of students from across the metro-area discuss ethnic backgrounds and diversity issues youth face.

Landon, a student at Burke High School, expressed his concerns about a recent issue at his high school. A group of students dressed a black Barbie doll in provocative clothing and hung it by a string near a Burke High School sign. The students who hung the doll took a picture of it and posted the image on a student-run Web page.

Landon said the image started uproar at the school.

"The students were suspended," he said, "but the image was still out there."

Landon was one of 35 high school students who

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UNO announces new head coach for women's basketball team

Chris Machian

Staff writer

UNO's Athletic Department announced Thursday that Patty Patton Shearer will become the head women's basketball coach. Her position is still pending the approval of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents.

Shearer will be the sixth head coach to lead the UNO basketball team. Patton Shearer replaces Lisa Carlsen, who resigned in February after four seasons.

Patton Shearer led Fort Lewis to a school-record 23 wins (23-8) in 2003-04, her fourth year as the head coach. Her teams have had winning records in three of four seasons, and she has twice been named the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference's coach of the year. The 1990 Rocky Mountain College graduate received her master's degree from Arizona in 1992 before becoming head girls' basketball coach at Catalina (Ariz.) Foothills High School coach from 1995-2000, recording a 122-32 record



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Maverick Investment Program wins third place in investment competition

KIMBERLY BRYANT

News editor

The University of Nebraska's Maverick Investment Program won a third place award for its student-managed investment portfolio at the Redefining Investment Strategy Education Symposium, held April 3 at the University of Dayton in Ohio.

The UNO team of Tiffany Talmon, Matt Lyons, Raymond Downey, Josh Ritonya and Bruce Mortiz gave a 20-

minute presentation on their investment portfolio. Companies in the portfolio included Nokia, Microsoft, Procter & Gamble, First Data Resources and Kohl's.

The RISE student-managed portfolio competition selected only 12 university teams. More than 100 universities and 900 students attended RISE Symposium events.

The Investment Program started in

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Wellness Stampede encourages students, faculty, staff to buckle up

KIMBERLY BRYANT

News editor

To many people, three seconds is only a mere fraction of time. For others, it's a matter of life and death. It's also the amount of time it takes for one to buckle up. According to statistics from the Mav-Rec Wellness Stampede, it is estimated that seat belts save 9,500 lives in America each year. They are the most effective means of reducing deaths and serious injuries in auto crashes. To get this important message to the students, faculty and staff of UNO, the Wellness Stampede has been involved in checking seat belts on campus for the past three years.

In conjunction with this project, UNO became involved with the Nebraska Coalition to Save Lives Through Seat Belt Usage's "Click it—Don't Risk It!" campaign through Health Education and Public Health professor David Corbin's involvement on the statewide steering committee and the Metro Omaha Seat Belt Coalition.

"Basically the campaign aims to reduce vehicular crash injuries and fatalities by getting more people to buckle up. We would like to have a primary seat belt law like Iowa has," Corbin said. "This means that police can stop and ticket drivers solely for not buckling up."

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Greek Week 2004 raises \$3,000 for charity

KIMBERLY BRYANT
News editor

Greek Week 2004 concluded Friday night with the Survivor Banquet/Silent Auction. The evening included an awards banquet for the Greek chapters' hard work during the year. The Spirit Cup was given out to the winners of Greek Week. The winning fraternity for Greek Week was Sigma Phi Epsilon and the winning sorority was Chi Omega.

The silent auction raised \$1,780 and the fundraisers for the week raised more than \$3,000. The overall goal for the week's fundraisers was \$1,500. Last year's Greek Week raised less than \$600, said Janine Taber, the Community Services Chair for this year's Greek Week.

"The auction went wonderfully," she said.

Items for the auction were donated from the sororities and fraternities. More than 100 items were up for auction and included dinners for two at Omaha restaurants, tickets to the Omaha Community Playhouse, gym memberships to 4-Hour Fitness and the Westroads Club, tanning, haircut and manicure services, items from the UNO Bookstore, themed gift baskets and date packages. This was the second year the auction was held, said Taber.

The funds from the auction went to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, an organization that strives to encourage research on various

blood cancers and to educate and support patients.

Leukemia patient Tyler Sell, who is 7 years old, was an honored guest at the banquet along with his mother.

As part of the "Team in Training" program, Taber will run a marathon in honor of Tyler.

She is currently preparing for the marathon.

"This has been the most amazing experience ever," Taber said in regards to preparing for the marathon.

The other fundraising events held during Greek Week included a bachelor/bachelorette auction, a car bashing and selling bracelets for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Public Relations Chairman for Greek Week Joey Rider considered the auction to be a success and felt Greek Week as a whole went well.

"Everything ran really smooth. Everyone on the Greek Week committee did their jobs to make Greek Week a success," Rider said.

"It was great, everybody ended up coming together. It just ends up falling in place," Taber said.

Other events held during Greek Week included a Road Rules Challenge on Monday, a Greek informational on Tuesday, a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, the Theta Chi Olympics on Thursday and the Jailhouse Rock on Friday night.

NCNW to hold Heritage Ball Saturday

KIMBERLY BRYANT
News editor

The University of Nebraska at Omaha's section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. will hold its first-ever Heritage Ball, a formal dinner and dance, this Saturday.

The event will be from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Elks Lodge, 6510 S. 96th St.

Liza Arellano, NCNW president, said the organization's reason for holding the ball was due to the fact that there aren't many formal dance events held at UNO each year.

"We were talking about how there aren't any formal events on campus that students can attend," said Arellano. "We thought it would be fun to have a classy event on campus each year."

Anyone, regardless of ethnic origin can attend the ball. Arellano said the event would have been held on campus, but the space wasn't available. She said that in the future the organization would like to see the event held on campus.

Another reason for the event was to end the school year on a positive note the same way it was started.

"The Diversity Fair in the fall encompasses all cultures and we wanted to end our year that same way," said Arellano.

Proceeds from the event will help support the Diversity Fair, the NCNW Training/Retreat and the Fall Educator's Conference.

Arellano said Mary McLeod Bethune, NCNW's founder, left a legacy of celebrating diversity and being able to work with everybody.

At the ball, Julia Anderson, the first president of the Omaha Chapter of the NCNW and the 25th anniversary of the Omaha will be honored.

The cost for the dinner/dance is \$45 for non-student couples, \$35 for student couples, \$30 for single non-students, \$20 for single students and \$7 for the dance only. Ticket reservations must be placed by Thursday. For tickets, contact Angela Tyler at 342-3912.

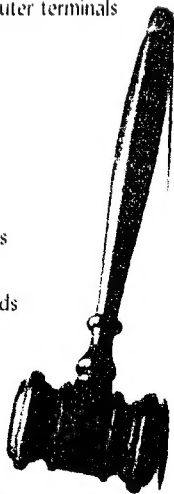


photo by Josh Williamson

Michael Turner (right) accepts the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Brent Bowen (left) during Aviation Institute Honors Convocation Sunday night in the Student Center.

PUBLIC SALE: There will be a public auction of university surplus property at the warehouse at 3805 N. 16th St. on Saturday, April 24. Standley Auction & Realty Co. will handle the sale. Items may be viewed starting at 8 a.m. on the sale day with the auction to start at 10 a.m.

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Campus News Briefs

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News editor

OLLAS Charla Series continues today with "Teachings from Our Grandmothers"

The Office of Latino/Latin American Studies at the University of Nebraska at Omaha will present "Teachings from Our Grandmothers: Native American and Latina Women Speak to the Next Generation," at 11:30 a.m. today.

The presentation will be held in the Milo Bail Student Center Fireside Lounge. It is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

The speakers – four women from the Omaha and Winnebago Indian Reservations and the neighborhoods of south Omaha – are Delores Castañeda Wright, Dorothy Armendariz, Joan Harlan Pappan and Myrne K. Red Owl. They will discuss how they constructed identities, sustained their families and maintained their dignity despite racism and discrimination.

The event is co-sponsored by Native American Studies and Women's Studies at UNO.

"Charla" is the Spanish term for a conversation or chat. For more information, contact Lucy Garza at 554-3835 or lgarza@mail.unomaha.edu.

Willson Lecture Series Continues Wednesday

The Barbara Willson Memorial Lecture Series at UNO continues at noon Wednesday with a presentation by Tania Candiani, an artist-in-residence at the Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts. Candiani is a specialist in body issue-related work with the use of sewing and installation. The event is free and open to the public and will be held in the UNO Art Gallery.

The lecture-series is sponsored by the UNO College of Fine Arts and the UNO Department of Art and Art History, in conjunction with the Friends of Art organization.

For more information, call David Helm at 554-2207.

Campus Crusade for Christ to host internationally acclaimed illusionist Andre Kole tonight

Campus Crusade for Christ will host internationally acclaimed illusionist Andre Kole at 8 p.m. tonight at the Sapp Fieldhouse. During his performance, Kole will combine his performing skills with an extensive background as a psychic investigator and inventor of magical effects. Kole has performed before millions of people through live and televised audiences in all 50 states, South America, Europe, Asia and Africa. Tickets for the event are

\$5 and are available by e-mail at tickets4andre@msn.com or by calling 690-0912.

Native-American spirit to be celebrated Saturday at UNO

Representatives from a variety of tribes will be on hand Saturday at UNO during the sixth-annual Pow Wow event to be held from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Sapp Fieldhouse. The purpose of the Pow Wow is to promote unity and provide academic support and awareness through traditional Native-American dance, drum groups and singing. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Carolyn Fiscus at 554-3987 and see Friday's edition of *The Gateway*.

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the summer of 2001.

David Volkman, chair in the Department of Finance, Banking and Law in the College of Business Administration said the purpose of the program is to help students learn more about investments, particularly equity investments or stocks.

"This learning experience is facilitated by guest lecturers, interaction with other students and the chance to manage of \$400,000 in the Cloud Fund," Volkman said.

The Cloud Fund was established by a UNO alum for the purpose of giving UNO students a chance to learn about investing by managing a portfolio of actual money, Volkman said.

The members of the program made it to competition at the University of Dayton because of the Cloud Fund having a 36 percent rate of return for the 2003 fiscal year.

"Based on this performance, the students beat a standard benchmark used to compare investment performance, the S&P 500 and significantly beat a majority of other student managed investment funds at other academic institutions," Volkman said. "Note that UNO students competed against students from Big Ten schools and private Ivy League schools. This is an accomplishment that all at the University of Nebraska [at] Omaha should be proud of."

Volkman said there are no restrictions to who can become a member of the program.

"All students are welcome and may attend the monthly meetings," he said.

Attendance at the meetings has ranged from 15 to 70 students. Currently, there are approximately 40 members.

In the program, there are two levels available to UNO students. The first is a general member. Any student who is interested in learning about investments such as how to buy stock can become a member. The second level is an analyst member. Students who plan to work with investments as a career may become analyst members.

The next meeting for the program is on April 26 at 5 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center's Council Room. For more information on the program, go to cba.unomaha.edu/inclub/index.html.

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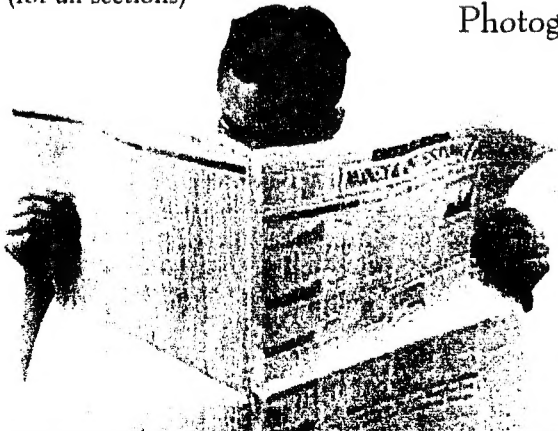
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Thai Pepper brings the heat, high prices

PAUL FREELAND

Senior staff writer

Any mention of Thai food usually evokes images of spicy, exotic food and the Thai Pepper delivers both in spades.

The Thai Pepper is a family-owned and operated restaurant with two locations, 127th and Q Streets and 114th and Dodge Streets in the Miracle Hills Plaza. Their menu emphasizes creative presentation of traditional Thai food and the intensity of the food's flavor and, as I found, the Thai Pepper does not disappoint. Playing with the fire of Thai food, though, comes with a price.

I got to the Thai Pepper's Miracle Hills location just after noon and found the place bustling, but not overly crowded. A glance at their menu showed their dining options weren't as numerous as other places, but they did have one interesting, and occasionally necessary, feature. All but a handful of the entrees come with adjustable spice levels with one star signifying "not hot" while five stars make "jalapeno peppers seem like candy." After passing over a few stir-fry and curry dishes, I went with the Thai spring rolls for an appetizer and the shrimp pad Thai as the main course. As I still had designs on using my lips later in the day, I kept the entree's spice level at a respectable three stars.

Unlike other spring rolls, these Thai spring rolls came fried and were apparently hot off the stove when they arrived at my table. The rolls themselves were crispy, but didn't have a lot of

flavor to them. Instead, the accompanying honey-chile sauce provided most of the flavor. The bright orange sauce was slightly sweet and had just enough background heat to make the dish interesting.

The pad Thai arrived just as I was polishing off the last spring roll. Varying hues of red dominated the dish except for the makeshift side salad that propped up the containers of crushed peanuts and honey-chile sauce. Bean sprouts, red bell peppers, scallions and egg all joined the shrimp and pad Thai noodles in frolicking amongst a myriad of spices. The dish offered more spice than I had anticipated and did wonders for clearing out my sinuses.

I was wavering between calling time on the meal and ordering dessert, but there was still some fire from the pad Thai left to be extinguished, so I sprung for an order of sweet rice with ice cream. The dish was simply presented with just a good-sized scoop of ice cream on a bed of room-temperature sweet rice. The combination of the rice and softened ice cream made for a gentle sweetness that wrapped up an otherwise flavor-packed meal.

One can't fault the Thai Pepper for false advertising. Their menu boasts traditional Thai food with intense flavor and they certainly don't lie. The restaurant's food alone is enough to warrant at least one visit, but I do still have some nagging reservations about the place. The price is chief among those concerns. The spring rolls (\$4.95), pad

Thai (\$9.95) and sweet rice with ice cream (\$3.95) came out to \$21.27 after tax, thanks in part to the \$1.50 can of Coke. How a can of pop could ever cost \$1.50 is beyond me, especially since I could've bought a 20-ounce bottle of Coke from the Blockbuster across the street and still saved money. If you're planning on ramping up the spice level, my advice is to just get water and maybe have a glass of milk on standby.

Overall, the Thai Pepper gets high marks for its food and considerably lower marks for its service and price. It's a nice place for a business lunch or a test of your spicy food tolerance, but I wouldn't recommend making it a regular habit.



photo by Josh Williamson

The Thai Pepper, with two locations in Omaha, offers a range of Thai dishes including Pad Thai with Shrimp and Thai Chicken Lettuce wraps. Most dishes are available at different levels of "hot." To keep your mouth from catching fire, you could try some Thai Ice Tea.

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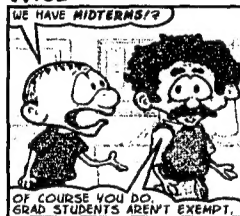
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Gardening not only for the green-thumb community

LORI STUHR

Staff writer

The sun is shining, the birds are chirping and it is finally starting to warm up outside. It is a perfect time to get out into the yard and do some gardening. Wait.

What if you don't have a yard?

Shondra Blessie, garden shop manager at Mulhalls Nursery and Landscaping, believes container gardening is a great way to save space and still satisfy your inner gardener.

Steven Rodie, a UNO associate professor of horticulture, agreed.

Rodie continued to explain that growing herbs such as thyme and basil in container gardens is a big trend.

Blessie said that many fruits and vegetables such as, tomatoes, cucumbers, and melons are available in bush varieties, which is another great way to conserve space.

Rodie said one thing to keep in mind is that fruit and vegetable plants take a lot of direct sunlight in order to do well. With a few pots and hanging baskets, any one can create their own green space, without a lot of space.

Gardeners don't just have to use the standard pots and containers anymore. According to the Family Fun Home and Garden Web site, an out-of-the-ordinary container such as an old boot or a recycled milk jug can be creatively transformed into an artistic flower container.

For those who want to give gardening a try but don't have a lot of green to spend, Blessie said buying multi-pack plant assortments is



photo by Michelle Bishop

usually less expensive than buying each plant individually.

Master Gardener, and host of Gardening by the Yard, Paul James, believes that the key to prevent overspending is to determine how much space you have available for planting and how much sun the area receives. By deciding this first, the gardener will not buy unnecessary plants.

Also when purchasing plants, James encourages gardeners to look

for smaller plants, which are often healthier and easier to transplant than larger, more developed plants. James advises that money shouldn't be conserved on basic gardening tools.

"When you're in the market for a new tool, buy the best you can afford," James said.

Whether a master gardener, or just a beginner, everyone needs a few basic tools. For the beginner, Blessie suggests a pot with a drainage hole, potting soil, a watering container, a

shovel and a pair of gardening gloves.

Rodie said some basic guidelines to keep in mind, when planning any garden include making sure the plants get the right amount of sun, to keep an eye out for bugs and disease and give the plants the right amount of water.

"The number one problem is over-watering," Rodie said.

Rodie believes it is best when soil is moist, but not sitting in water. By following these basic rules, chances for a successful garden are increased, Rodie said.

For the first time gardener or for those without a green thumb, Proven Winners are the way to go. This particular plant will grow in any climate from Canada to Texas.

"Put it in a pot, water it and watch it thrive," Blessie said.

When going to purchase your plants, Rodie suggests the earlier you buy, the better. This ensures there will be a larger variety of healthy plants to choose from. Once the plants have been purchased, gardeners must be careful not to leave them out in cold temperatures. The last day of the frost season is May 15. Blessie says that after this date, it is safe to leave plants outside without covering them at night.

Rodie encourages anyone with questions about gardening to access www.ianrpubs.unl.edu, or contact the Douglas County Extension office.

Fontenelle embraces the bat world through exhibit

ANGI TYLER

Staff writer

The Fontenelle Nature Association is featuring the *Masters of the Night: The True Story of Bats*. The exhibit is a travel exhibit that features education about the life of bats.

"This exhibit is an excellent example of the Fontenelle Nature Association's mission," said Stephanie Gocken, marketing and community-relations specialist.

Fontenelle Nature Association's mission is to enhance human stewardship of the natural world by providing quality environmental and natural education, ecologically sound management of the association's natural resources, preservation and interpretation of the association's historic and

cultural resources and increase opportunities for personal reflection and enjoyment of the outdoors.

"This is a chance for guests to learn about the habitat and lifestyle of one of nature's most misunderstood yet gentle creatures," said Gocken.

The true story of bats will cover approximately 2,500 square feet of the Nature Center and will incorporate a wide range of hands-on activities that are both fun and educational. Activities include education on the sensitivity of bats hearing, their favorite foods in their natural habitat, how mother bats find their babies, and being able to view the bats live.

Gocken has not had a chance to view the exhibit, but she hopes that it is fun and not too scary.

"I think that this is a way to better understand

bats and learn and see things about them that I never saw before," says Gocken.

According to the Web site this exhibit provides a fun learning experience that dispels myths about bats.

"Specials effects and multi-century displays make this exhibit a fun learning experience about the true wonders of the bat world," said Gocken. "This is a great activity for families to come see together."

The Fontenelle Nature of Association is open everyday including every holiday except Christmas from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. They are located at 1111 N. Bellevue Boulevard and are accepting memberships.

Existing members are free to the exhibit. Admission for non-members is \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens and \$5 for children.

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Omaha Farmer's Market to offer unique downtown shopping experience

ANGI TYLER

Staff writer

If you're looking for fresh produce and fun, check out the Omaha Farmer's Market, which opens May 1. This is the 11th season for the Omaha Farmer's Market.

Over the years the Omaha Farmer's Market has become a fun event for everyone.

"At this event you meet tons of great people," said Heidi Walz, project manager of Omaha Farmer's Market.

There are two types of vendors, season vendor and a weekly vendor. The season vendor lasts for the entire

season. Therefore, vendors pay for the whole year. The second vendor is the weekly vendor. These vendors pay \$25 a week to participate. All vendors are required to grow the produce that they sell.

When first starting out, the Omaha Farmer's Market struggled with getting vendors to participate.

"At first vendor involvement was slow and that made it difficult for the market," said Walz. "But now we have to turn people away."

"This is an urban shopping experience that has grown over the years," said Mindy Bush, marketing manager of Omaha Farmer's Market.

"A person can purchase all sorts of produce and other things like, jams, jellies, flavored mustards, baked goods, flowers, coffees, honey, organic and ethnic foods, plus so much more."

While selling produce at the farmer's market seems to be most common, other types of vendors such as crafters will also be there.

"Omaha Farmer's Market is a wonderful community event that brings people from so many areas, to one place, to get the produce they want and other unique items," said Walz.

Bush mentioned that the market is affordable, a great place to get the fresh produce that they want and the

nutritional vitamins they need.

This market offers nearly 4,000 shoppers each week and allows a chance to get information regarding freshness, cooking methods and planting.

The Omaha Farmer's Market will have two sessions. The first session will be every Saturday, starting May 1 to Oct. 9 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 11th and Jackson Streets in the Old Market. The second session will be every Wednesday, starting June 9 through Sept. 8 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information contact Bush or Walz at 402-345-5401.

Relieve stress: pie your professor

CRYSTAL REID

Senior staff writer

Finals are looming. Projects are due. Study groups are working into the early hours of the morning. And professors keep tacking more on to the workloads.

What a great time to lob a pie at a professor.

On Friday Psi Chi, the psychology honors society, and sociology honors society Alpha Kappa Delta will host the second annual Pie Your Professor in the Pep Bowl. It will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Psychology and sociology professors have agreed to stick their heads through a wooden stand for two hours and get pelted with pies. The crown jewel of this event will be when the Dean of Arts and Sciences Shelton Hendricks steps up to the

stand.

"That should be pretty exciting," said Adam Gomez, Psi Chi president.

Pies run at one pie for \$3 and two pies for \$5.

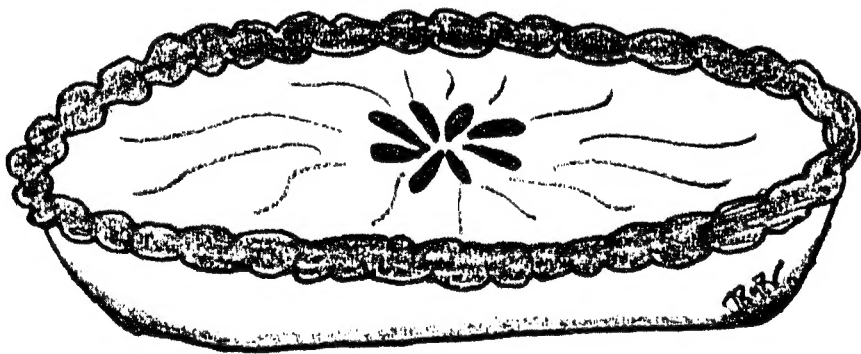
All proceeds raised will go to the Child Saving Institute, the shelter that Psi Chi has been supporting all year.

"We've done volunteer work for them over the past year," Gomez said. "This will be the first event this year for donations."

Last year the event raised \$180. This year they hope to top that.

Carolee McClure, Psi Chi's corresponding secretary, is excited that this year the event also includes sociology professors. Last year, only psychology professors participated.

"It's right around finals," McClure said. "It should be a great time to pie your professor."



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Maverick Stampede tramples campus

CRYSTAL R. REID

Senior Staff Writer

Get ready to run Mavericks!

The sixth annual Maverick Stampede is taking place April 25 at 8 a.m. The 10K run or 5K walk will take place around campus and through Elmwood Park, according to Scott Becker, media relations for the event.

"People of all ages tend to come," Becker said. "From young children to elderly runners."

Although there are some prizes for winners, the event is not necessarily a competitive race.

"Some people are competitive runners," said Becker. "Some are just out to walk and have a good time."

There are currently 265 registered runners; Becker is hoping for about 500 by the day of the race. They are still taking applicants.

Every year, Dr. John Noble's Organization and Administration of Physical Education class is challenged to experience first hand the difficulties in organizing an event: the Maverick Stampede.

"It gives the students a hands-on

experience in organizing and administrating an event," Noble said.

"This is a great opportunity (for the class)," Becker said. "It's a good learning experience."

All of the students in the class are assigned their own specific jobs; they work together as a team to successfully bring this event to the campus community.

"This year it's going to go really well," Noble said. "It'll be a good turn out, and it's a good group of students organizing it."

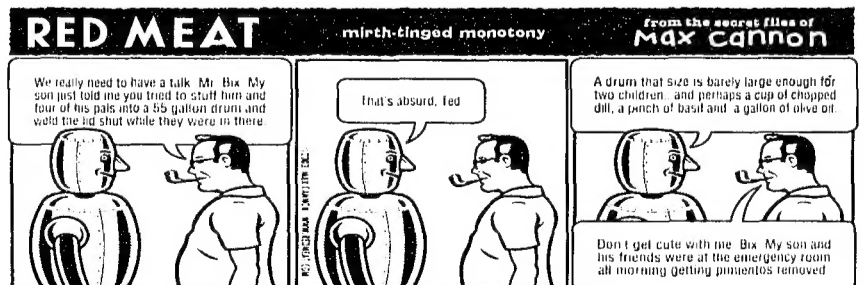
Registration is available around campus and at the Health Physical Education and Recreation building. Applicants can also register online at www.unomaha.edu/~stampede.

The cost of the race is \$18 per person. Noble stressed that this is a non-profit event; all of the money goes toward the cost of the race.

All runners are eligible for prizes and T-shirts and some winners will also receive prizes, according to Noble.

Noble and Becker are both looking forward to the event.

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'Into the Woods' end justifies the beans

REVIEW BY CHERIE REICKS

Staff writer

"If the end is right it will justify the beans" is one of the many humorous phrases expressed in the UNO Theatre Department's musical production of *Into the Woods*, which opened last weekend.

The line, which was spoken by the baker's wife (Melanie Gillis) helps to describe the importance of the "magic beans" to the Jack and the Beanstalk character within the musical. It also shows that as long as the deeper message of the production comes across, the silliness of fairy-tale characters all in one story will be justified. I believe director D. Scott Glasser's production accomplished this, despite several flaws.

The central characters that bring all the fairy tale characters together are the baker (Kevin Bensley), the baker's wife (Melanie Gillis) and the witch (Wai Yim). The story begins with the baker and his wife trying to undo a wrong that was done to the witch by the baker's father.

They do this to lift a curse of infertility given by the witch as penance for the baker's father's trespass. The baker and his wife are sent by the witch to find "a cow as white as milk, a cape as red as blood, hair as yellow as corn, and a slipper as pure as gold." This brings them into contact

with Jack of the Beanstalk fame (Abdul Khan), Little Red Riding Hood (Kelli Hahn), Rapunzel (Katie Breen) and Cinderella (Christina Thomas).

The stand out actor in this mix was definitely Wai Yim in the role of the witch. His performance of an evil witch and then a beautiful sorceress was exactly what it should have been. In addition, after watching him as the beautiful sorceress teeter on 3-inch platform heels for several scenes, I couldn't help but have respect for his willingness to capture a character. He made the show fun to watch.

The baker and his wife, played by Bensley and Gillis, were also very strong characters. They had a great working chemistry that made them likeable. They were able to capture the comfort of a loving marriage as well as the conflicts between the two.

In addition, Hahn's Little Red Riding Hood was a high point for the production. Although, she was only partly involved in the overall plot of the story, Hahn was able to stand out with her mischievous child character. She brought a not so innocent Little Red Riding Hood that made the show enjoyable.

After the task at hand is accomplished in Act I, and everyone gets their happy endings, Act II shows the realistic lessons to be learned by

the fairy tale characters stories. It addresses such things as motherly love, infidelity, the faults of seemingly perfect characters and the idea that not everything can always end with a completely satisfying happily ever after.

Cinderella's prince (Adam Scarpello) and Rapunzel's prince (Drew Nenemen) help to show this by their willingness to move on to other damsels in distress. After a quick romp with the baker's wife in the woods, Scarpello, acting as Cinderella's prince, said, "I was raised to be charming and not sincere." Soon after, both Cinderella's and Rapunzel's princes have moved on to save and charm Snow White and Sleeping Beauty. Scarpello and Nenemen did a great job of portraying typical Prince Charming characters.

The only low point in the evening was centered on sound problems. Khan as Jack at times was hardly audible in speech and singing. Since Jack was such a central character, the problem sometimes made it hard to follow the plot. In addition, the piano had a tendency to drown out the singer on stage.

Despite these flaws, the acting, set, sound effects and costumes help make up for the temporary conflicts in sound. Overall, Glasser's production was entertaining and was worth



photo by Josh Williamson

"The Bakers Wife," played by Melani Gillis, provides bread and sweets to little red riding hood, played by Kelli Hahn.

seeing. Catch the last round of performances April 21-24.

The Five People You Meet in Heaven proves amusement is part of life

REVIEW BY KELSEY ARCHER

Staff writer

Although written by two different people, *Big Fish* and *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* are strikingly similar.

Playing on the fantasy theme, *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* takes you on a journey through life after death.

Eddie, the main character and head maintenance worker at Ruby Pier, an amusement park, shares his life and death in one short novel by taking you with him to meet five people after he dies.

Each character he meets is someone who meant something special in his life. The catch is

that the five people he meets in heaven are not necessarily people he *knows* meant something to him. They are, however, people with whom he crossed paths during his life in some way.

His journey to meet each person takes him to a new place. However, the author always seems to bring you back to one main setting, Ruby Pier.

The pier is described as pristine at times but changes throughout the book. It's described in so many different ways it's hard to keep up. From sparkling to run down, it remains more like a character in the book than the setting.

From the very beginning, within the first few chapters, the pier seems to have changed

immensely: "There were canvas tents and vacant grassy sections and so few obstructions you could see the mossy breakwater out in the ocean. The colors of the attractions were firehouse reds and creamy whites-no teals or maroons- and each ride had its own wooden ticket booth."

The story begins at the end of Eddie's life. Eddie is quickly introduced as the main character and then the plot begins to unfold.

The story is set at a much older Ruby Pier where Eddie is also very old, but well liked by children. In fact, although Eddie never had

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In Addition

Name of the book: *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*

Author: Mitch Albom

Publisher: Hyperion

Copyright date: 2003

Number of pages: 196

Synopsis: Eddie, the main character and head maintenance worker at Ruby Pier, an amusement park by a great gray ocean, shares his life and death in one short novel by taking you with him to meet five people after he dies.

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Horoscopes

PREDICTIONS BY MADAME ZORA

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

That dream you keep having where John Cusack and Eddie Izzard are storming the White House (which is also your school and where you live) and you are dressed up like Little Red Riding Hood? It means you should stop drinking caffeine at least four hours before you go to bed.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Everyone is demanding something from you and you're feeling more stressed than usual, Gemini. Truth is, by the end of the week your friends will probably catch you dancing around a bonfire, donning war paint and speaking in tongues. The interesting part is they won't find this behavior odd.

Cancer (June 21-July 23)

Last month you met someone really nice and your relationship is just starting to get off the ground. Things seem to be going so well. You have a lot in common, kissing is really nice and your friends seem to like this person too. However, I think you should know before this gets too intense that this person has a multiple personality disorder. You've been warned.

Leo (July 24-Aug. 22)

Your "Become An International Spy" Kit with Bonus Rocket Booster arrives this week. They don't understand it yet, but your friends' spider-senses are tingling as if a great villainous force has just swept through the city. They likely will think whatever you have up your sleeve is a bad idea. Do it anyway.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

A stranger will offer you a piece of Orbit gum. Don't take it. Run away.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Your sister is dropping out of school, buying a van and dedicating the next year of

her life to following the Psychedelic Furs tour and documenting her adventure on film and in journals. Don't you think you could use a little springtime enlightenment too?

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Stop sending her letters. She thinks you're kind of creepy. Besides, she has a few disturbing habits you don't know about yet. Get out while you still can.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

A trip to the country will do you a lot of good this coming weekend. You'll reconnect with yourself, maybe even study a little. You need to seriously go through an e-mail detox.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Beware of any Leos you may know. Their egos are more wild than usual and they will probably get you both into trouble. Unless you enjoy a good, possibly illegal, adventure.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

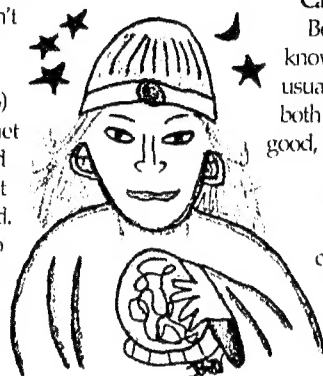
Stop eating leftover Easter candy and go play Frisbee in the park. You're going to meet someone who will propose a fabulous business opportunity, but only after a sweaty and intense game of kickball.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Those people from *The Apprentice* are going to call you about the second season. If you accept, you're going to make a bit of a fool of yourself but it will be well worth a lot of laughs. You won't last through to the second challenge but you will get a spot on a couple of commercials.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Everyone thinks your idea of dropping out of school, selling your stuff, buying a van and following that band around the country is the single dumbest thing you've ever done. This time next year, you will have sold a book about the trip and will be working on a screenplay contract. It is quite acceptable for you to snicker at them and say "I told you so."



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Lecture to examine history, myth of Solomon

UNO's Bethsaida Excavations Project and The Archaeological Institute of America,

Lincoln-Omaha Society will host scholar William G. Dever for a lecture titled "The 'Age of Solomon,' History or Myth? The Archaeological Picture" this Thursday, April 22 at the Joslyn Art Museum. The lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m. and present information about the archaeological evidence that demonstrates the state of Israel in the 10th century B.C.E. The presentation is free and open to the public. The Joslyn is located at 2200 Dodge St. For more information, contact Rami Arav, director of UNO's Bethsaida Excavations Project, at 554-4986.

Pow Wow set to wow with traditional performances

The sixth annual Pow Wow event will be held at UNO's Sapp Fieldhouse at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 24. Several tribes will be represented in a promotion of unity and awareness. The many events scheduled include a princess contest at 1:30 p.m., traditional dance, drum groups, singing and vendors set up throughout the day. The event is free and open to the public. Call 554-3987 for more information.

CD review

AMANDA GOREY

Staff writer

Ani DiFranco
Educated Guess
(Righteous Babe)

Educated Guess is artist Ani DiFranco's first solo release in nearly a decade. This beautifully packaged disc was performed, recorded, produced and mixed entirely by DiFranco in the solitude of her own home. With low production values, tuned down guitars and overlapping layers of DiFranco's own voice, *Educated Guess* is a stripped, raw return to an emphasis on her words.

The album opens with a short poem, the first of four spoken word pieces, each delivered with the beautiful rhythmic cadence classically associated with DiFranco. It twists and turns between folksy singer-songwriter and layered jazz-inspired vocals. DiFranco offers poignant insight, while never delving into the aggressiveness of her previous efforts. She makes a return to her feminist background with the subtle and surprisingly non-confrontational spoken word gem "Grand Canyon."

The true meaning of any work of art can be found by what the recipient takes from it. DiFranco is well skilled in showing the listener the complex simplicity of music as art. DiFranco

offers her words and bares her soul. She offers you to take what you will, to take what you can, acknowledging all the while that the entire piece may not be what you need. She encourages the listeners not to shut themselves off to the message, but to just take only what they can use.

Some listeners may find a hard time blending between the songs. The tracks are decidedly low-fi and while the disjointed bits of each song work on an individual basis, it can become difficult to reconcile them over the course of 14 tracks. Even so, one cannot deny the soulfulness DiFranco puts into each piece of the collective.



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Softball drops pair going into final weekend

PAUL FREELAND

Senior staff writer

Two unexpected bumps crept into the No. 4 UNO softball team's run toward the postseason as the Mavs were 6-2 after the regular season's penultimate week.

UNO (42-6) recorded doubleheader sweeps at Wayne State and 24th-ranked St. Cloud State, but split doubleheaders at unranked South Dakota State and Minnesota State-Mankato. The two in-region losses may jeopardize the Mavericks' top spot in the North

Central region with only the MSU and North Central Conference tournaments left on the schedule.

The Mavs had a 2-1 record against teams named Wayne State going into last Tuesday's games, but Wildcats of Wayne State College (Neb.) would prove to be an easier out than their Michigan namesakes. UNO's bats carried the team to a 10-3 opening win over WSC while Jenny Pritchard pitched her 25th straight inning due to injuries in the pitching staff. Nicole Vos went 4-5, Kelsey Warning was 3-5 with three RBIs and Sara Sortino was 3-4 with three runs scored and two RBIs. Taren Tuley made a triumphant return to the rotation in game two, surrendering just four hits while striking out seven Wildcats in a 4-0 Mav win.

Cheris Kuster also was solid as she returned to the Maverick lineup in Wednesday's opener against SDSU. Kuster threw a one-hit shutout with 11 strikeouts in UNO's 5-0 win. Tuley hit a rough patch after four scoreless innings in the nightcap, though, giving up five fifth-inning runs in a 5-4 loss. The loss snapped UNO's 19-game winning streak.

Saturday's meeting between UNO and St. Cloud State featured the first- and third-ranked teams in the North Central region and the first game of the doubleheader showed exactly why. The two sides played nearly two games worth of innings before the Mavs finally pulled out a 12-

inning, 3-2 marathon win. UNO led 2-0 going into the bottom of the seventh, but the Mavs paid for stranding seven runners when Kuster gave up a two-run home run to tie the game. Kuster and SCSU starter Nicole Webb matched each other strikeout for strikeout when Shilo Jorgensen's RBI single in the top of the 12th put the Mavs ahead to stay.

Kuster threw all 12 innings for the Mavericks, allowing two runs on four hits with 17 strikeouts and no walks. Nicole Vos homered early in the game to tie Erin Drinnin for the UNO career home run record. The second game was much less labor-intensive as four second-inning runs helped carry the Mavs to a 4-2 win. Things nearly fell apart for Tuley in the bottom of the sixth, but the Huskies only got two runs from two hits and three walks.

MSU pitcher Amy Lewis befuddled UNO in Sunday's first game, spinning a two-hit shutout as Mankato won 1-0. Kuster took the loss, allowing one run on six hits while falling to 16-3 on the season.

UNO fell behind 1-0 again in the second game, but triples from Sortino and Andrea Lockett quickly erased the deficit. The visitors then knocked in four unanswered runs to pull ahead and hung on to win 6-3. Tuley threw five innings to improve to 10-2 before Pritchard came on for the final two innings to record her third save. Warning and Jorgensen each had a pair of doubles in the win while Lauren McArthur also had a double.

UNO finished NCC regular season play in



photo by Michelle Bishop

Head Coach of UNO softball team
Jeanne Tostenson fires up the team.

first place with a 12-2 record. The Mavs will complete the regular season Saturday and Sunday with a tournament in Mankato before playing the NCC tournament in St. Cloud, Minn., April 30 and May 1. Sunday's games will be key in the final regional standings as the Mavericks play regionally-ranked foes Truman State (No. 2) and Winona State (No. 7). The top-ranked team in the region will host the NCAA North Central regional tournament.



photo by Michelle Bishop

Jenny Pritchard throws for the strike zone in a recent game.

Win streak ends in baseball split with Huskies

ANGIE PECK

Staff writer

In what seemed like identical games, the Mavericks split a doubleheader with St. Cloud State Saturday, in St. Cloud, Minn. The Mavs took a beating in the first game losing 5-0 and came back to win the second game 5-1.

SCSU's Nate Larson and Adam McGrane combined for a five-hitter in the first seven-inning game. The Huskies took advantage of two Mav errors in the sixth to put the Mavs away with four runs. Helping the Mavs offensively was David Bodnar who went 2 for 3 in the game with hitting in the only Mav run of the game.

The Mav's came roaring back in the second seven-inning game with the help of a four-run second inning and the arm of Troy Cloyd. RBI singles by Jake Wurth and Josh

Shirk combined with a two-run double by Kevin Whitman broke open the game for the Mavs in the second inning. Wurth added another RBI with a double in the fourth. Cloyd proved too much for the Huskies batters to handle. Cloyd earned his third-straight victory with a complete game allowing only five hits and striking out six.

The Mavs swept SCSU 7-1 and 3-2 (8 innings) on Sunday.

The Mavs now 18-21 on the season, 7-9 in NCC, return

home this weekend taking on North Dakota in two seven-inning doubleheaders Friday and Saturday.

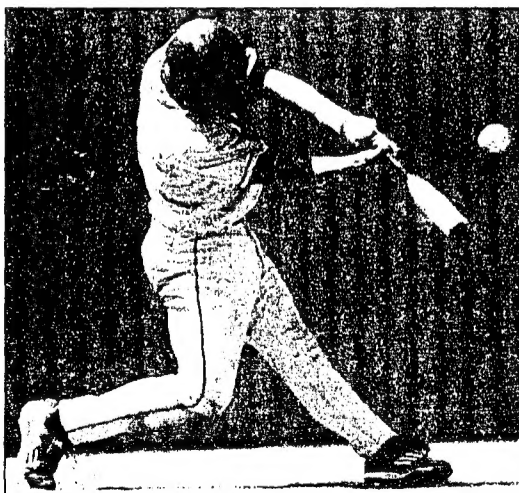


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Jeff Sova hits a sacrifice fly during a recent game.

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Mavericks fight through weather at Doane Relays

THOMAS LAMAY

Staff writer

Coming off strong finishes at Northwest Missouri State and the Division II Challenge, Head Coach Tim Hendricks and his crew had high hopes heading into the Doane Relays held Friday and Saturday in Crete, Neb.

The conditions were unusual for an early spring meet, with temperatures near 100 degrees at track level, and winds gusting down the backstretch of the track.

"The wind and heat had a little affect on our times today," said Hendricks. "We really were trying for a good time in the mile relay. With the wind, it might have slowed us down a bit."

A number of athletes had tough finishes at the end of their races, nearly collapsing at the finish line.

For the 400-meter relay team, the conditions were not an issue. Lavonne Monger had an excellent start and Ashley Freeman

broke away from the field near the 150-meter mark. Laura Gass handed off to Sarah Menghini and the Mavs strided easily to another victory.

"We had a little trouble with our handoffs, which we will practice this week to get ready for next week," said Monger. "I'm a little worried about the big crowd at Drake, but I know we are going to run well."

The 400 team also has high hopes for nationals in Pomona, Calif. in June. Coach Hendricks said a time under 47 seconds will put the team in scoring position at nationals.

The 3200-meter team of Molly Miller, Sara Zeisler, Gass, and Amanda Mahan won in a time only five seconds off the school record. The 1600-meter relay also finished first.

Monger and Foluso Makinde took first and third, respectively in the 100-meter dash. Monger also won the 200-meter dash. Mahan nearly caught her opposition in the 400-meter dash, placing second. Jennifer Victor cruised to a second-place finish in the 800-meter run. She

was the deciding factor in the closely contested 1600-meter medley.

Mandy Neneman flew over 100-meters of high hurdles in 14.62 seconds winning the championship and a personal record.

"I'm pretty happy with the race. Although I did hit my chair leg on the last two hurdles," Neneman said after the race, while showing off some nice battle wounds on her legs.

She was also happy about qualifying for the Drake Relays and the chance to race with Division I athletes.

"I think it will be a good experience because the competition is so awesome."

In the field events: Makinde came close to setting a Maverick record in the long jump while winning the event.

Makinde also a Drake Relays qualifier, said, "I was not expecting to jump so far, it was my personal record and nearly a school record"

Kayln Byers and Laurel Stuehm leaped to a one-two finish in the high jump, both clearing 5-6 inches. Senior Shausha Lee tossed the discus

138-10 in the windy conditions for a strong finish.

Molly Miller added another race experience to her running resume. Miller ran, jumped, and even swam a little in the 3000-meter steeplechase.

"It was my first time running that event. It was a little awkward...I should have brought nose plugs for the water pit," Miller joked.

The senior from Clay Center easily won the event, and is now undefeated in the steeplechase for her career. The heat and wind may have stopped her from breaking the school record, but Miller kept a smile on her face after the race. "The 1500 is more of my bag, baby," Miller added.

Hendricks and his team head into next week's competitions with confidence. The 400, 1600, Neneman and Makinde head to the Drake Relays while the rest of the team travels to Lincoln to compete in the NWU Open.

It may be the playoffs, but I'll take the WNBA

Never has there been so much hype over two NBA rookies in one season. They're being talked about around the world, were among the top picks in the draft and have been on highlight films for the past few months.

Forget 'Bron and 'Melo. I'm talking about Diana and Alana. Diana Taurasi and Alana Beard were the two top picks in Saturday's NBA draft -the Womens National Basketball Association, that is. Much like

LeBron James and Carmelo Anthony, they are expected to come in as rookies and turn the league around.

Along with Nicole Powell, Lindsay Whalen and several others, this is the best draft class in WNBA history. The excitement surrounding March's NCAA womens basketball tournament is sure to carry over into the summer WNBA season.

"The buzz is pretty good," said ESPN Draft Analyst Rebecca Lobo. "This is the first year (the draft has) been televised leading into the playoffs. People are paying attention."

And the women have deserved it. Look at how excited people were to see Taurasi take her UConn Lady Huskies to a third consecutive title, and how big that title game against Tennessee was rated.

Obviously, the men are going to draw higher than the women, but the tradition is deeper, and there is more money on the line. Now, the men's NCAA is getting fewer of the top recruits and the NBA is becoming watered down with high school kids. The WNBA has a great feeder system with kids staying four years in college, developing their skills as ball players and as people.

"That's part of the women's game," said Powell -the third pick in the draft. "We all stay there for four years. It's happened step-by-step from elementary to high school to four years in college. We do it right."

LeBron doesn't have a college degree. The only time he's stepped foot on campus was when he was busy selling out his high school games in Akron's gym.

"Basketball isn't always going to be there," Beard said. "Education is a huge part. John Wooden said 'Sports is like passion. It's temporary. Education is like love. It's enduring."

Isn't that refreshing?

With exactly one month until the season

Parker Adair



Can't Lose

starts, basketball fans have something to look forward to besides five NBA Eastern Conference playoff teams with sub .500 records. Last year Tim Duncan was the big story in the playoffs. They call him "The big fundamental." He's a two-time MVP and two-time playoff MVP. They don't call him "Bron-Bron" or name a candy bar after him, but he's the best player in the NBA.

You've got an entire

league of "Big fundamentals" in the WNBA. The women play the game the right way. For whatever reason, they play more sound basketball, but still get creative. Did anyone see Taurasi's over-the-head-no-look-flick-pass against Penn State? And if you want a cool name, look no further than Detroit's pick Iciss Tillis.

Maybe you don't like Duncan's personality. He's not out there, not being goofy. You want goofy, look no farther than Diana, Princess of Basketball. She's been in the spotlight for the past three seasons and looks great in it.

When asked if she was tired having just completed the national championship season and going right into a WNBA one, Taurasi joked, "I'm real tired. I need a nap. Right now. It's just unfair."

It wasn't just a standard answer, but lets the fan in to her personality.

With the second pick, the Washington Mystics took Beard out of Duke. D.C. seemed to be the place she wanted to be.

"I visited Washington in June and had a blast," Beard said. "The fan base made you feel at home. That's what I really like about D.C."

This is from a team that had the second worst record in the league, and fans are coming out to see them. Fans are used to having losing teams in the capital city. For Washington fans to show up for a losing team, it must be a good product. If they can get excited about the game, anyone can.

It's just a month away. It's a short season. The game is superior, and there are great personalities. The WNBA is moving up, and it's thanks to a great crop of rookies with good heads on their shoulders.

Taurasi said it best when she said, "We're ready. Towels. Water. Bags. We're rookies. Go get 'em."

Thierry Henry - respect the name, and his game

Three weeks have gone by since the electrifying ranting and raving commonly known as the Raf Report has surfaced in this here paper, and some loyal readers have grown a bit restless.

Shuffling through bags of fan mail recently from both my local and international followers, I found a few intriguing comments.

"For the love of God, all I ask for is one column a week."

Another fan wrote, "Stop the insanity, I need something to read!"

Finally, a young lady from Poland wrote, Oh, wait, that just wouldn't belong in such a fine scholarly publication.

Let's get back to the task at hand.

The main reason for the gap in between masterpieces is that I've been patiently waiting for the perfect time to provide provocative commentary on what my colleague Paul Freelend eloquently calls "The beautiful game."

Having watched Frenchman Thierry Henry (pronounced tee-ary on-ree) brilliantly put together two hat trick performances in a span of a week in the English Premier League, along with the emergence of Freddy Adu, I've come to the conclusion that the time is now for a soccer column.

Specifically for you non-believers and haters who are too ignorant to give the sport a try, this one's for you. Without further delay, let me reveal my top seven reasons to jump on the soccer bandwagon.

7 - Freddy Adu is 'bout to blow up! To be 14 and the buzz of the soccer world is extraordinary. To be able to say, "He's on our side" makes it that much sweeter. Every time the phenom touches the ball, he's capable of performing magic. Take advantage and check him out while he's in Major League Soccer, because faster than you can ask, "Did he just do that?" he'll be off to the riches of European football.

6 - Spectacular soccer is right

The Raf Report



Raf Czarnecki

underneath our nose.

The women at UNO are among the best in the country. The men at Creighton are solid every year, and with their remarkable new soccer complex downtown, it's time for the city of Omaha to embrace the sport with open arms.

5 - It's fun to say "Timmay!" Dedicated to Tim Howard, the

American goalie sitting the bench for Manchester United. Memo to Timmy - keep your head up, soon enough you'll find your slump buster.

4 - "They don't score enough" is not a valid reason. Last time I checked nobody scores points for making 400 consecutive left handed turns before crashing into a wall, and for some ungodly reason NASCAR is the fastest growing sport in the country - yikes! Pinpoint passing, creative dribbling and shut down defense are just a few aspects other than scoring, to enjoy when admiring the beautiful game.

3 - Two words; Posh Spice.

2 - Soon your offspring will be wearing shin guards! Make room in the cooler for grape Shasta (do they still make that stuff?) and orange slices because that's what you'll be bringing with you to see the little ones' compete. Like it or not, soccer is getting more and more popular, and after the United States wins a World Cup, cool kids will be sporting Air Adu instead of Air Jordans.

1 - Finally, Thierry Henry is big time. Quite frankly, the best player in the world. Do yourselves a favor and call Lisa Grund over at Cox Cable. For roughly \$10 more than you already pay for cable, she'll give you the digital hook up. Then you can watch the astounding Arsenal striker on Fox Sports World as he shatters scoring records for years to come.

Next time I'll defend my *Throwdown* title against Mr. Freelend in a soccer battle for the ages. Until then, late.

from DIVERSITY, page 1

discussed hate crime issues such as the incident with the Barbie doll at the "Youth Dialogue on Diversity" on Sunday in the Milo Bail Student Center's Nebraska Room. Students from as far as Central Platte View High School to Millard South participated.

Graduate and undergraduate students from UNO helped with the event as part of a service-learning project with the Omaha Hate Crime Project.

The group coordinated an open dialogue to give Omaha teenagers an opportunity to express concerns, opinions and frustrations regarding diversity issues.

Jonelle Artis, a UNO student facilitator, turned to her group and questioned what the word diversity meant to them.

Her group of about seven students each gave a common definition.

Artis was impressed that many of the high school students were well-educated and informed on present racial issues.

"They really amazed me," she said.

from PEOPLE, page 7

children of his own, kids are drawn to him. That's how he coined the rather obnoxious nickname Eddie "Maintenance" because his title was printed under his name on his badge. Although he's a maintenance worker, children delight in asking him to make pipe cleaner animals. In fact, children seem to be a recurring theme throughout the book and even result in Eddie's death.

His death is quick within the first chapter.

The remainder of the book is focused on the five people he meets after death and his struggle to figure out if he saved the little girl he was trying to rescue from a falling Ferris wheel car when he died.

The Five People You Meet in Heaven will tug on every string of your heart. This book takes the dark subject of death and shines another ray of hope with the possibility of what may come after death.

Combining sadness with happiness, this story is successful in creating a warm fuzzy

"Once we began talking about problems and their concerns, they really opened up."

Patrick McNamara, coordinator for the Omaha Hate Crime Project, said the National Communication Association came up with the idea for the event. He said the UNO students participating in a Group Facilitation and Public Dialogue course are working to inspire youth in the fight against hate and prejudices.

"We want them to walk away with one plan of action," McNamara said. "It's not just talking the talk, it's also walking the walk."

Abbie Farrens, a UNO student, said she wanted to see what concerns high schools students currently faced.

"It's interesting to see the different issues with the different schools," she said.

"We feel that having dialogue is a grassroots effort to combat hate crimes and segregation in our communities," she said. "The high school age is a good time to discuss diversity and sensitivity issues."

feeling. However, its deep plot and suspenseful meetings grab your attention and demand that you read on. It also stimulates the imagination, opening doors for new ideas.

In *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, Mitch Albom, author of six other books including *Tuesdays with Morrie*, creates another must read. The detail, description and overall creativity are marvelous in this book. As a newspaper columnist and broadcaster, it's clear he's an experienced writer.

Albom magically creates Eddie to seem like a real individual. It's also apparent he's done his fair share of research on amusement parks. The detail and description create vibrant mental pictures, which at times can be disturbing.

Like all good fantasies, this book relies on great story telling. If you liked *Big Fish*, then this book is a must read with its lighthearted nature and ability to make you think.

Like the book begins, "all endings are also beginnings; we just don't know it at the time."

from BUCKLE, page 1

Nebraska has a secondary seat belt law meaning you can only get ticketed for not wearing your seat belt if you are stopped for another offense."

Corbin said states that have primary seat belt laws have greater compliance and decreased traffic injuries and fatalities.

"The motivation for checking seat belts was to make UNO Faculty/Staff/Students aware of the safety benefits of buckling up," said Dave Daniels, assistant director for Fitness/Wellness and Instructional Programs. "It has been a 'wellness activity' in the Mav Tracks incentive program since its development in 2000."

Individuals in the Mav Tracks program can get two Hoof Prints for wearing a seat belt each time they get in a vehicle.

Daniels said National Buckle-Up Week is really in May, but the Wellness Stampede has traditionally focused on the end of April, because there is more traffic on campus at that time and it is before students go home from the summer.

In past seatbelt checks, Daniels said 1,327 were conducted in 2002. Of those checked, 938 were wearing seat belts, with 67 percent of students compliant and 78 percent of faculty/staff compliant. In 2003, 649 belts were checked. Of those checked, 491 were wearing seat belts, 75 percent of students and 79 percent of faculty/staff were compliant. UNO as a

from MAT, page 1

The express routes provide quicker travel downtown by Interstate 80, I-480 and Douglas Street.

Barritt also said riding with MAT can save students money. Using the commuter calculator provided by MAT's Web site, www.metroareatransit.com, a potential rider can see how much he or she can save. Assuming one commutes five days a week, pays \$1.75 per gallon of gas and has a vehicle that gets 20 miles to the gallon, monthly savings depend on the variables of daily miles traveled roundtrip and the monthly cost of parking. A test of the calculator proved that students might actually lose money riding under the current system.

According to the calculator, if you can park for free, commuting with MAT will not save you money unless you are traveling over 4.7 miles round trip, five days a week. For commuting these shorter distances, the price you pay for parking can be the real decision

whole is at 77 percent compliance, but the university needs to be at 80 percent.

Corbin's School Health Programs class and Health Education Methods and Materials classes have conducted seat belt surveys at the four-way stop in Elmwood Park.

"Coincidentally, this semester there was a crash at that very intersection that caused personal injury of an unbuckled passenger," Corbin said. "The last survey at this site revealed that only 63 percent of the drivers of the over 400 surveyed were buckled. This is way below the national and state average."

Corbin said all people can get involved with the campaign by buckling up at all times and not letting passengers go unbuckled.

"Unbuckled passengers are not just placing themselves at risk, but they become projectiles in crashes and place other occupants at risk," Corbin said.

This year, Daniels said the Wellness Stampede will check three different sites on the North campus and at PKI on three different days this year in late April or early May.

"The Wellness Stampede actually make[s] an attempt to get individuals to stop, so we can interact with the driver and/or passengers," Daniels said. "Then if they have a seat belt on, we thank them for being a seat belt wearer and saving lives, then we give them a 'Smartie' piece of candy. If they are not wearing a seat belt, we hand them a sheet of paper with seat belt statistics and a Dum-Dum lollipop then remind them to buckle up!"

maker.

Changes under the new system may have little effect on the amount of money students spend while commuting to and from classes. For students like Holloway, who would travel with limited stops from hub area to hub area, the difference may only be in the shorter amount of time it takes to travel.

The new system would promote riders for those traveling shorter distances within one hub, Barritt said. This may be helpful for students living close to campus or who travel throughout the UNO area daily.

Under the new system a student can pay \$1 to travel for four hours within a hub. Students may want to consider this offer for running local errands between classes.

Holloway said, "I'd think about taking the bus [for errands], but I still like the flexibility of using a car."

MAT currently operates within Omaha-city limits, along with Council Bluffs, Bellevue, Ralston, La Vista and Papillion.

Crossword

ACROSS

1 Disencumbers

5 Taxi

8 Wine decanter

14 Curved molding

15 Pub choice

16 Los ____, NM

17 Alda or Ladd

18 Bottom line

19 Removes suds

20 U.S.-U.S.S.R. standoff

22 Sire

23 Position under scrutiny

24 Does cobbler's work

27 No time at all

29 Fixed monotonous routine

30 Joust garb

31 Best pitcher

35 Author Ferber

36 Intend

37 Caught sight of

39 Creche figures

40 Field measure

41 Anthropology subject

42 Felt great anger

43 Blue

44 Fetched

47 Winding courses

49 Like neat drinks

54 Merrily

55 Sneakiness

56 Issue from a source

58 That lady

59 Skater Lipinski

60 Chalk remover

61 Indulged one

62 Columnist's tidbit

63 Star Wars weapons

64 Madison Ave. output

65 CNN word

DOWN

1 Director of Laurel and Hardy films

2 Snowy dwelling

3 Distributed the hands

4 Transmits

5 Biblical

6 Promised Land

6 Warns

7 Wager

8 Lurched and swerved

9 Dismount

10 Wife of a rajah

11 Capital of the Netherlands

12 Enemy

13 Serpentine curve

21 Small dam

22 Shore up

25 Sudden forward thrust

26 Far from flighty

28 Sully

30 Accumulate

31 Hit the high points, briefly

32 Fat Tuesday

33 Individual

35 Ostrich relative

37 Noses

38 Flower with velvety petals

42 Liberate

44 Deferment

45 Went angling

46 Groups of eight

48 Elevate

50 Caesar's language

51 Make joyful

52 Scatter

53 Frauds

56 "Runaway" singer Shannon

57 Significant period

58 Rejuvenation resort

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Tues., April 20th

7:30 am Catholic Campus ministry
8 am Deloitte
10 am NW Mutual
10 am Benefit Fair
11 am Fine Arts Luncheon
11 am Asian American Cultural Society
11 am Diversity Week
11:30 am Library Friends
12 noon Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance
1 pm Dr. Bing Chen
2 pm SAP User's Group
3 pm Delta Epsilon Chi
4 pm SHAC
4 pm Legislative Meeting
5:30 pm Alpha Xi Delta
6 pm Religion Program
6 pm Christ on Campus
6:30 pm Alpha Xi Delta
7 pm Amnesty International
7:30 pm Religion Program
7:30 pm Lambda Theta Nu

Wed., April 21st

7 am Campus Crusade
9 am Family Medical Leave Act
11 am National Poetry Month Reading
11 am Professional Assistants' Day
11 am Faculty Workshop
11:30 am Campus Crusade
11:30 am Delta Sigma Theta
12 noon CCSW
12 noon African American Organization
12 noon ALAS
12 noon Stephenson Interns

12 noon Illuno
12 noon SPO Board
2 pm Graduate Faculty Meeting
2 pm Chaveevah Bank Ferguson
3 pm Air Force ROTC
4:30 pm Latino Meeting
5 pm Theta Chi
6:30 pm ABC Dinner
7 pm National Student Speech Language

Thurs., April 22nd

9 am Dramatic Arts
10:30 am Student Affairs
11 am Metro Area Transit
11 am Diversity Week Art Expo
11:30 am ISLP Brown Bag
12 noon Day of Silence
12:30 pm ILUNO
1 pm The Multicultural Education Agenda
1:30 pm Academic Advisors
2 pm Dr. Gunther Retirement
2:15 pm Multicultural Workshop
4 pm Panhellenic
4 pm Chancellor/Gateway
4 pm Legislative Meeting
5 pm Zeta Tau Alpha
5:30 pm Christ on Campus
7 pm Delta Sigma Pi
7 pm Student Government
7 pm Order of Omega

Fri., April 23rd

7 am Northern Natural Gas Scholars
8 am Chi Omega
8:30 am UNO Ambassadors

8:30 am Getting Effective
10:30 am Senior Scholars Academy
11 am ILUNO Closing Ceremony
11 am Diversity Week
12 noon AA
1:30 pm ILUD Seminar
2 pm Judicial Board
5:30 pm Beta Alpha Psi
6 pm "Color Me Human" Banquet
6:30 pm UNO Chemistry Club

Sat., April 24th

11 am Honors Program/Scott Scholars
12:30 pm Orientation
3:30 pm Pow Wow Dinner
7 pm North West High School

Sun., April 25th

1 pm Westside High
2 pm Zeta Tau Alpha
2 pm Phi Beta Sigma
3 pm Dramatic Arts
4 pm Sigma Kappa
5 pm ROSAS
5:30 pm Lambda Chi Alpha
6 pm Sigma Lambda Beta
6 pm Student Gaming Org.
6:30 pm Theta Chi
7 pm Zeta Phi Beta
8 pm College Democrats

Mon., April 26th

11 am Maverick Radio
12 noon AA
12 noon Master Success

12 noon The Grove
12 noon African American Organization
12 noon ILUNO
12 noon "Some Questions for 28 Kisses" Movie
5 pm Chi Omega
5 pm Maverick Investment Club
6:30 pm Faculty Senate/Staff Advisory Banquet
8 pm Circle K

Tues., April 27th

7:30 am Catholic Campus Ministry
7:30 am College of Education
9 am Ambassador Interviews
9 am Dramatic Arts
11 am Hispanic Advisory Cabinet
11 am Music Department
11 am Asian American Cultural Society
11 am Maverick Radio
12 noon ILUD Luncheon/Seminar
12 noon Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance
12:30 pm AKD Senior Thesis Luncheon
2 pm Service Learning
3:30 pm Orientation
5:30 pm Alpha Xi Delta
6 pm Christ on Campus
6 pm King Science Center
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